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Applicant: Vann, et al.

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,
AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 15, 2002, Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time to extend the time period to January 15, 2003, and further request consideration of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicants include herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.